



## State Aid Perspectives on the “Coal-to-Clean-Transition” in Europe

Thursday, 14 November 2019  
9:00 till 16:00

Club De Warande  
Zinnerstraat 1, 1000 Brussels

The “Coal-to-Clean Transition” is at the heart of European power sector decarbonisation. Successful Coal-to-Clean transition strategies are underpinned by a long-term political commitment to a just and fair transition, by robust administrative planning as well as supportive measures. Some of the measures in Coal-to-Clean-transition strategies may qualify as “State aid” under EU law and thus require prior approval by the European Commission to be permitted. For the “Coal-to-Clean Transition” this may include efforts to achieving a fair and just transition in regions hitherto dependent on coal mining or coal use, support for the rapid scaling of renewable power, interventions to ensure security of electricity supply or compensation for the closure of coal facilities.

This high-level conference will provide a space for dialogue and exchange between EU decision-makers, stakeholders and experts. It is part of a research and dialogue project jointly conducted by Agora Energiewende and ClientEarth that appraises the role of EU State aid law and decisions in the decarbonisation of Europe.

The conference will be held in English.

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9:00-9:30	Registration and welcome coffee
9:30-9:40	Welcome and introduction <a href="#">Maria Kleis</a> , ClientEarth, and <a href="#">Matthias Buck</a> , Agora Energiewende
<b>Part I: Setting the Stage</b>	
9:40-10:00	State aid and Coal-to-Clean Transitions: Where are we today? What are the challenges ahead? <a href="#">Dörte Fouquet</a> , Partner at law firm Becker Büttner Held (BBH) <i>Impulse statement followed by Q&amp;A with the audience</i>
10:00-10:30	Phasing out coal in Europe. State of play Status of coal use and coal phase-out plans in Europe. Implications of increasing the EU's greenhouse gas reduction target to -55% by 2030 <a href="#">Philipp Litz</a> , Agora Energiewende <i>Presentation followed by Q&amp;A with the audience</i>
<b>Part II: State Aid perspectives on the Coal-to-Clean Transition</b>	
10:30-11:30	Panel 1: State aid and compensation for closing coal facilities Presentations by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Sam Bright</a>, Client Earth</li> <li>• <a href="#">Sriya Sundaresan</a>, CarbonTracker</li> </ul> Moderator: <a href="#">Juliette Delarue</a> , ClientEarth <i>Presentations followed by Q&amp;A with the audience</i>
11:30-12:00	Coffee break

12:00-13:15	<p>Panel 2: State aid and transition of coal regions. Is there need for a “just transition” chapter in the new EU State Aid Guidelines?</p> <p><a href="#">Joanna Pandera</a>, Forum for Energy Analysis/Poland; <a href="#">Benjamin Denis</a>, Industriall Europe; <a href="#">Philipp Litz</a>, Agora Energiewende; <a href="#">Ignacio Vizcainova</a>, Iberdrola/Spain, <a href="#">Thomas Wobben</a>, European Committee of the Regions</p> <p>Moderator: <a href="#">Matthias Buck</a>, Agora Energiewende</p> <p><i>Moderated discussion followed by Q&amp;A with the audience</i></p>
13:15-14:15	Lunch break
14:15-15:30	<p>Panel 3: State aid and ensuring security of supply while phasing-out coal</p> <p>Presentation by <a href="#">Matthias Buck</a>, Agora Energiewende</p> <p>Round-table discussion with <a href="#">Andras Hujber</a>, European Commission, <a href="#">Christos Kolokathis</a>, Regulatory Assistance Project (RAP); <a href="#">Frauke Thies</a>, SmartEN; <a href="#">Benedikt Günter</a>, German Federal Ministry for Economical Affairs and Energy</p> <p>Moderator: <a href="#">Maria Kleis</a>, ClientEarth</p> <p><i>Moderated discussion followed by Q&amp;A with the audience</i></p>
<b>Part III: Main Messages on State Aid and the Phasing Out of Coal in Europe</b>	
15:30-16:00	<p>Reflections on conference discussion and implications for the upcoming Review of the EU State Aid Guidelines</p> <p><a href="#">Maria Kleis</a>, ClientEarth, and <a href="#">Matthias Buck</a>, Agora Energiewende</p>
16:00	Conference closure

## REGISTRATION

Participation at this conference is free of charge but registration is necessary.

Please register at <https://www.agora-energiewende.de/en/events/> by 12 November 2019.

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